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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of: :  
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: Lalvani et al. :  
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: For: ASSAY METHOD FOR PEPTIDE :  
: SPECIFIC T-CELLS :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination and before the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the T-cells are peripheral blood mononuclear cells.